GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.19 Ha. of forest land in Compartment No.104, Konanki Extn.-II R.F., Guntur Division for laying underground water pipeline to Papayapalem Lift Irrigation Scheme, in favour of Executive Engineer, Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd., (APSIDC), Guntur Division – Final (Stage-II) approval - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.41 **Dated:23.05.2022**

Read the following:-

1) From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.6290/2016/FCA-1, Dated:16-8-2016.
2) GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.F.No. 11-9/98-FC, Dated:13-02-2014.
3) G.O.Rt.No.253, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., Dated:23.09.2016.
4) From PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15021/2/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:14-01-2019.
5) GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File.No.FC-11/160/2019-FC, dt.23-06-2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.19 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.104, Konanki Extn.-II R.F., Guntur Division for laying underground water pipeline to Papayapalem Lift Irrigation Scheme, in favour of Executive Engineer, Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd.,(APSIDC), Guntur Division and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued from time to time by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, vide letter 2nd read above under General approval category.

2. In exercise of the powers delegated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, in the letter 2nd read above, Government in the G.O.3rd read above, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.19 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.104, Konanki Extn.-II R.F., Guntur Division for laying underground water pipeline to Papayapalem Lift Irrigation Scheme, in favour of Executive Engineer, Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd.,(APSIDC), Guntur Division, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval and requested to accord final (Stage-II) approval for the project under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

4. After careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letters 2nd and 5th read above, the Government hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.19 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.104, Konanki Extn.-II R.F., Guntur Division for laying underground water pipeline to Papayapalem Lift Irrigation Scheme, in favour of Executive Engineer, Andhra Pradesh State Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd.,Guntur Division, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

(ii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency;

(P.T.O.)

(iii) Other conditions specified in the handbook of guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letter Dated 28.03.2019, shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, and User Agency with which they are concerned;

(iv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.19 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department;

(v) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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The Executive Engineer,
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Guntur Division.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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SECTION OFFICER